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MRS. BURTON THOMPSON



This is Mrs. Anguerette Vivian Burton Thompson of Burlington, N. J., who was married recently to Count Christian von Bernstorff, son of the former German ambassador to the United States. The countess is about thirty-five years old and already has divorced two husbands. The count is only twenty-six years of age.

SHIP POST TO PIEZ

Chicagoan Made General Manager of Fleet Corporation.

Succeeds Admiral Harris, Who Resigned Because Offices Not Transferred to Philadelphia—Hurley Optimistic.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The senate adopted a resolution by Senator Harding of Ohio to investigate the shipbuilding board, after sharp debate.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Charles Piez of Chicago was appointed general manager of the shipping board's emergency fleet corporation, succeeding Admiral Harris, who has resigned. Mr. Piez has been vice president of the corporation.

General reorganization of the fleet corporation will follow. Rear Admiral Bowles, aid to Admiral Harris, will have an important place. James Heyworth of Chicago will have full charge of wooden construction. Charles Day will head the construction department. It was announced that Admiral Harris resigned because of his insistence that the offices of the corporation be transferred to Philadelphia.

The shipbuilding program, Chairman Hurley said, is in better shape than ever before since it was launched. Conditions on the Pacific coast are excellent. Ships are being turned out as fast as human labor can accomplish it.

Altogether there are now under construction or under contract \$8,395,308 deadweight tons of shipping. Admiral Harris has asked that he be reassigned to the post of chief of the navy bureau of yards and docks, which he had before succeeding Rear Admiral Capps as fleet corporation manager less than a month ago.

Chairman Hurley of the shipping board, also a Chicago man, denied rumors that he was preparing to resign.

GOVERNOR'S HOME BLOWN UP

Abortive Attempt Made to Kill California's Executive—No Clue to Perpetrators.

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 19.—Without a clue to guide them, police officers and state officials began an investigation of the bomb explosion which partially wrecked the executive mansion. Although Governor Stephens and members of his family were asleep in the mansion when the bomb exploded no one was injured.

The detonation of the explosion shook the entire neighborhood and was heard for miles around. In a score of homes windows were broken. The back porch of the executive mansion was destroyed and a corner of the house torn away.

"HOLD BACK HOGS" IS ADVICE

Chicago Market Glutted, Says Head of Meat Division of Food Administration.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The food administration counseled farmers to hold back their hogs, because the Chicago market is glutted with more pork than the packers can handle, largely because of congested transportation facilities.

"Do not sacrifice your hogs now by dumping them on an overworked market," was the word sent out by J. P. Cotton, head of the meat division.

HOUSE VOTES U. S. DRY, 282 TO 128

Resolution to Submit to States Prohibition Amendment Is Adopted.

SENATE APPROVES 47 TO 8

Amendment by Rep. Lea Providing That Light Wines and Beers Be Excepted Is Rejected by Large Majority.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The senate agreed to the house amendments to the Sheppard nation-wide prohibition resolution and sent the measure to the White House to receive the president's signature. The action of the senate was taken by a rising vote. Vice President Marshall announced the count to be 47 to 8. Senator Borah of Idaho, although a "dry," launched a fight against the house amendments. He declared them to be clearly unconstitutional and predicted they might invalidate the whole measure. He insisted that congress had no right to fix a time limit for the ratification of the amendment by the states.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The resolution to submit to the states a national prohibition amendment to the federal constitution was adopted by the house.

With a vote of two-thirds required for its approval the vote of the house announced by Speaker Clark was 282 to 128, or 25 more than required.

A wild demonstration took place in the house. W. J. Bryan appeared on the floor and took a seat with Representative Webb as cooperator of congratulations.

An amendment by Representative Lea of California, providing that prohibition provisions should not apply to light wines and beer was rejected by a rising vote of 232 to 107.

What Dry Amendment Provides. The resolution for a dry amendment

the lower house of congress provides that the amendment must be ratified by the necessary number of states within seven years. The senate already has adopted a similar resolution, but specifies that it must be ratified within six years. Only an agreement as to the number of years now is necessary to put the question before the states. Thirty-seven states already are dry.

Representative Gard of Ohio, leading the opposition, declared the amendment proposed an invasion of the police power of the states and threatened the unanimity of the American people in winning the war.

The debate began, amid a round of applause from the Democratic side, by Chairman Webb of the judiciary committee.

The great body of Americans he contended want to leave the whole matter just as it is now.

No Union Label on Whisky. Representative Cooper of Ohio, for the amendment, told the house:

"You look into a hat band or a coat to see if it bears a union label, but you can look in vain into the whisky bottle for a union label."

Representative Dyer of Missouri, opposing it, declared the issue nothing more or less than whether congress shall stand by "Dinwiddie and the Anti-Saloon league who think more of this issue of the wet and the dry than they do of the issue of whether America or Germany shall win this great war."

VOTE ON RESOLUTION.

Democrats Against.

Blackmon, Bruckner, Buchanan, Caldwell, Campbell (Pa.), Cantrill, Carraw, Church, Coody, Crossler, Dale (N. Y.), Dent, Dewalt, Dies, Dominick, Dooling, Doremus, Dupre, Eagan, Estopinal, Fitzgerald, Flynn, Gallagher, Gard, Garner (Tex.), Gordon, Gray (Ala.), Griffin, Hamill, Hardy, Heflin, Huddleston, Hulbert, Igou, Key (O.), Lazaro, Lea (Cal.), Leasher, Linthicum, Lonergan, McAndrews, McLemore, Maher, Mansfield, Oliver (N. Y.), O'Shaughnessy, Overmyer, Phelan, Pout, Riordan, Rouse (Ky.), Sabath, Sherley, Sherwood, Slayden, Small, Charles B. Smith, Thomas F. Smith, Steele, Sullivan, Talbott, Van Dyke, Welty, Wilson, Wilson (Tex.); total, 64.

Republicans Against.

Bacharach, Britten, Cary, Chandler (N. Y.), Clark (Pa.), Classon, Crago, Davidson, Davis, Drukker, Dyer, Edmonds, Benjamin L. Fairchild, Francis, Freeman, Gillett, Glynn, Graham (Pa.), Gray (N. J.), Greene (Mass.), Greene (Vt.) Heaton, Haskell, Hull (Ia.), Juul, Kahn, Kennedy (R. I.) Leihbach, Longworth, Lufkin, McArthur, Madden, McLaughlin (Pa.), Magee, Meeker, Merrett, Moore (Pa.), Morin, Mudd, Nichols (Mich.), Nolan, Parker (N. J.), Porter, Ramsey, Roberts, Rodenberg, Sanford, Scott (Pa.), Siegel, Snyder, Starnford, Swift, Templeton, Tison, Vane.

Somewhere in



KERENSKY IN FIELD AGAINST THE BOLSHEVIKI

Former Premier of Russia Reported Marching on Petrograd With Army.

"REDS" ON WAY TO BATTLE

Not Known Whether Kerensky Is Co-operating With the Cossacks—Has Been Reported in Various Places—Elected to Assembly.

Copenhagen, Dec. 19.—Former Premier Kerensky, Russia has taken the field against the bolshevik forces and is marching toward Petrograd.

ing to a dispatch printed in the Berlingske Tidende.

is near Capital. The dispatch added that Kerensky has several thousand armed men with him and that he was last reported "near Petrograd."

Bolshevik forces, supported by armed motorcars, were said to be on their way to give battle.

Whether Kerensky is co-operating with the Cossacks or whether he is leading a band new counter-revolution is not known.

Reported in Various Places. Kerensky has been reported at various places during the past month. Once he was said to be hiding in Finland. Another report had him under arrest in the interior of Russia. The latest has him accepting the post of minister of justice in the independent government set up in Siberia.

Kerensky Goes to Assembly. Petrograd, Dec. 19.—Former Premier Kerensky has been elected a member of the constituent assembly from the province of Samara. It was learned here. The latest advices from the interior show that the revolutionary socialists have a lead over the bolshevik candidates for the assembly.

PORTUGAL LOYAL TO ALLIES

Allegiance of New Government Is Pledged in Legation Statement at Washington.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Allegiance of the new government of Portugal was pledged to the allied cause in a statement issued at the Portuguese legation, which also denounced reports that the recent revolution was brought about in the interests of Germany.

SOCIALIST EDITOR IS MISSING

Carl Minister, Alleged American Citizen, Disappears in Holland.

Amsterdam, Dec. 19.—The socialist newspaper Tribune reports the mysterious disappearance of Carl Minister, editor of the German revolutionary socialist paper Kampf, published here. He left a week ago for southern Holland, and has not been seen since. The Tribune says Minister is an American citizen.

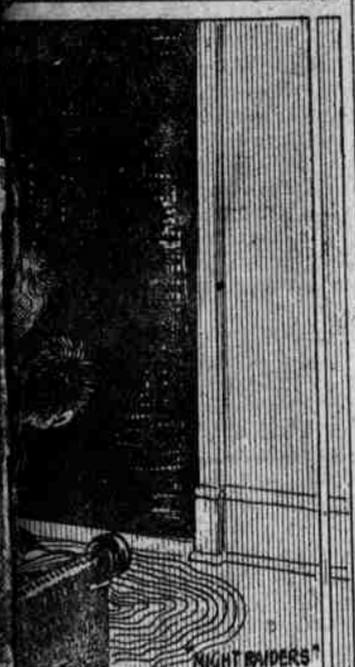
INDEPENDENTS AGAINST.

London (Soc.), Martin (Prog.); total, 2.

PAIRS OF ABSENTEES.

Stephens (Neb) and Neeley (W. Va.) for amendment with Gallivan (Mass.) against it; Goodwin (Ark.) and Miller (Wash.) for amendment with Tague (Mass.) against it; Taylor (Colo.) and George W. Fairchild for amendment with Curry (Cal.) against it.

U. S. A.



Christmas Gifts for Each Man in Pershing's Army in France Arrive There.

Washington, Dec. 19.—A Christmas gift for each man in the American army in France has arrived at a European port, it was announced by the War Department. These packages have been going forward for several weeks and all is in readiness for General Pershing and his assistants to play Santa Claus for their soldiers. The gift of men—likewise the number of gifts—in France is military in value to the enemy, but it is stated that if the presents sent were put end to end they would form a continuous line from Washington to New York.

"APPLE JOE" ABANDONS CIGAR

Apple in House, Throws Peel at Pershing's Feet, Swallows the Core.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Temporarily leaving his ubiquitous cigar, "Apple Joe" went bravely to combat.

He bravely and truly—no doubt—scattered down the central aisle.

Scattered peelings right and left, he took a seat next to that occupied by Miss Rankin and threw a handful of the peelings on the floor at her feet, to her great, but unabashed, amusement.

"Apple Joe" devoured the apple, then swallowed the core.

JOHN D. SAVES ART WORKS

Paintings Removed Before Mansion Burns—Arson Plot Suspected by the Superintendent.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 19.—The removal of John D. Rockefeller's art works from his summer home at the Hill, East Cleveland, saved him from a loss of thousands of dollars, when the mansion was completely destroyed by fire.

All that is left standing of the magnificent house is the brick foundation. Incendiarism is suspected.

William B. Smith, superintendent of the estate.

KERENSKY WANTS 550 FAT CATS

Belgian Cities Ordered to Turn Over Household Pets to German Authorities.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The mayor of a suburb of Antwerp, has received an order from the German authorities to deliver to them 400 fat cats and the commune of Hinderhout called upon to furnish 150, according to advices received by the Belgian information bureau here.

It is believed that the extreme shortage of cats in Germany has moved the authorities to the requisitioning of pets in occupied territories.

MORE I. W. W. NABBED.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Federal authorities are in control of the I. W. W. headquarters here and 18 members of the organization are in jail as the result of a raid. The raid was undertaken by government agents after reports that an attempt to liberate imprisoned members of the I. W. W. was being planned.

ARGENTINANS URGE GERMAN BREAK.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 19.—Prominent Argentines favorable to the allies are urging here heard speeches urging Argentina must break relations with Germany. Among the speakers three former members of Argencabinets, Senors Magnasco, Yofre Gonzalez.

ARMY TO RECRUIT MECHANICS.

Several thousand men with experience as mechanics, machinists, blacksmiths and storage battery experts are ordered for the motor section of the war department of the army. Applicants will be graded as first-class mechanics after a special course in the use of motor-driven vehicles, and field artillery at one of the training camps.

PRO-WAR PARTY WINS IN CANADA

128 Members Elected by the Conscription Forces in Dominion.

DRAFT VOTE WINS 87 SEATS

Election in Dominion While Nominally for Control of Parliament, Was Really Referendum on Army Draft.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—Conscription has been confirmed and the unionist government has been returned to power by the Canadian domestic vote. Returns from all over Canada indicate that the government of Sir Robert Borden has been elected to administer Canadian affairs for another five years and that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is as definitely defeated as in the reciprocity election of 1911.

Figures indicate that the French portion of Canada has gone heavily for Sir Wilfrid Laurier and English constituencies have returned men who will support the union government measures and maintain Premier Borden in office.

ESTABLISH SAFE LEAD.

Official returns showed that, with sixteen districts to be heard from, the unionists had won 128 seats and the opposition 87, with four seats deferred. Early returns at Vancouver showed unionist candidates were leading in British Columbia with big majorities, with the exception of one constituency.

Returns from Toronto, Hamilton, London and other districts in which the war is strongly supported, indicate that the government received overwhelming support.

In the counties of Kent and Westmorland, New Brunswick, however, it was believed Laurier supporters had been returned. Their majorities ranged from 2,000 to 1,000.

QUEBEC AGAINST WAR.

Quebec province has 65 seats and of these the government has won only three. Two ministers, Hon. F. E. Bédard, postmaster general, now overseas with a French-Canadian battalion, and Hon. Albert Sévigny, secretary of state, were among those who lost. Seats will be found for both elsewhere, it is said. The general impression here is that the province has gone as everybody expected it would—solidly anti-war-Laurier and anti-British. The French-Canadians are highly elated at their cleanup.

Ontario went overwhelmingly unionist, thus protesting against the Quebec mandate against conscription as represented by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who was defeated in Ottawa, one of the twin seats for which he ran.

Conscription the Issue. The election, while nominally for the control of parliament, was really a referendum on conscription.

The unionists, under the leadership of Sir Robert Borden, passed a conscription act but could not enforce it in the face of an opposing minority, known as the anticonscription liberals and nationalists, under the leadership of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Messrs. Bourassa and Lavergne.

On the decision today rested the fate of the union government and, in effect, the further participation of Canada in the war. If returned to power, the unionists stand pledged to enforce selective service and thereby expand the ranks of the Canadians overseas.

Army Law Attacked. Against conscription, and in spirit opposed to Canada's participation in the war, the nationalists-Laurier-liberals are pledged, in the event of victory, to shelve the present army law and set into motion the slow-moving machinery for a "referendum."

Big Drive for Recruits. Chicago, Dec. 19.—A great drive for recruits throughout the middle West was ordered started by Col. John S. Dennis, commanding the division of the British-Canadian recruiting mission, following word of the adoption of conscription in Canada. Arrangements are underway here for a celebration of the conscription victory.

MONTANA MOB ATTACKS JAIL

Attempt Made at Billings to Lynch Mexican Who Killed a Policeman.

Billings, Mont., Dec. 19.—The county jail is strongly guarded as a result of an attempt by a mob to enter it in an effort to seize Juan Juarez, a Mexican section hand, who shot and killed a policeman. After battering down the front door, the mob was held back by Sheriff Stone Matlock and his deputies until police assistance arrived. The deputies fired into the crowd, but so far as could be learned no one was wounded.

MRS. E. T. STOTESBURY



Mrs. E. T. Stotesbury heads the new Red Cross war council committee which has been organized to collect and forward sweaters, socks, and other knit wear to sailors. The committee has the indorsement of Secretary of the Navy Daniels.

KAISER SEEKS PEACE

German and Austrian Foreign Ministers Plan Negotiations.

Russ "Reds" Invite All Nations to Join Their Parley With the Huns.

Petrograd, Dec. 19.—The evening papers announce that Leon Trotsky, bolshevik foreign minister, has notified the allies' embassies that the armistice has reached definite results and that peace negotiations will begin, and has asked them to participate or to say if it is a quick and safe way.

Whether they wish peace.

Up to this evening the embassies had not received the communication and an informal conference of the allies' diplomats is said to have reached no definite decision.

The German and Austrian foreign ministers, Dr. von Kuehlmann and Count Czernin, have notified Trotsky that they will arrive at Brest-Litovsk Tuesday to begin negotiations for a general European peace.

Amsterdam, Dec. 19.—A semi-official dispatch received here from Vienna, says:

"The governments of Austria-Hungary, Germany, Bulgaria, Turkey and Russia will follow up the armistice as speedily as possible with peace negotiations. The selection of plenipotentiaries now is proceeding and pending their arrival the armistice delegates at Brest-Litovsk have started informal peace negotiations."

London, Dec. 19.—The Petrograd agency of the bolsheviks has issued the following announcement:

"At a meeting of representatives of the upper classes, presided over by the director of the Persian Bank of Discount, for the purpose of lending aid to strikes, the following persons were arrested: M. Pepine, former manager of the general treasury; M. Skvordoff, former director of the ministry of finance; M. Chatskhanoff, former vice minister of finance; M. Balabanoff, former vice director of the ministry of finance; M. Heymann, director of the Persian Bank of Discount."

COSSACKS DEFEAT BOLSHEVIK

Reds Are Driven From Rostov—Civil War Is on in Southern Russia.

Stockholm, Dec. 19.—A second defeat for the bolshevik forces in southern Russia and the capture of Rostov by patriotic Cossacks were reported in a dispatch from Haparanda. Rostov is in Ukraine, and on Saturday the bolshevik war office in Petrograd announced its capture from the Cossacks with the aid of warships from the Black sea fleet that had gone over to the bolshevik cause.

The former defeat was at Odessa, also in Ukraine, where the bolshevik forces were driven off while trying to take over the garrison.

NAMED AS SPECIAL AGENT.

Frank P. Maxwell, well known in the Knoxville insurance field as well as in political circles, has been named a special agent of the United States internal revenue service for the Tennessee-Alabama district and assigned to duty in the Knoxville division. The appointment was made by Internal Revenue Commissioner Daniel C. Roper of Washington, upon the recommendation of Senator John K. Shields. Senator Kenneth McKellar and a number of Knox county democrats. He has begun his duties at Knoxville.